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Si, Se Puede...



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Music professor David Lopez plays his sax for Santa Ana children during Kinder Caminata.

The Day the Kids Stood Still

Children Go from Grade School To College
By Monique Morgan
el Don Staff Writer

High-pitched voices and pounding feet echoed from everywhere on campus last Friday as thousands of children were at RSC for Kinder Caminata.

An event developed by Outreach to encourage Santa Ana kids to attend college, Kinder Caminata is now in its' second year at RSC. The day is dedicated to letting



the children know what higher education has to offer them.

"It was much more organized than last year and the children seemed as if they enjoyed it," said Grace Contreras, a coordinator for the event.

An estimated 2,100 kindergartners started the day where they heard Cesar Chavez's son-in-law speak, visited career stations with many different job options, and received certificates to remind them how important school really is.

SUPERIOR COURT

Judge quashes lawsuit

Rancho retains right to operate adult education in Orange

By Torsha Weathers
el Don Feature Editor



Chancellor Vivian Blevins

A superior court judge last Thursday dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Orange Unified School District seeking to regain control over RSC's adult education program.

The Rancho Santiago Community College District took over the adult education program 23 years ago, according to Kathy Mennealy, Vice Chancellor of Continuing Education.

"They turned over the program to RSC in 1972 and there really were no conditions for our maintaining the program," Mennealy said.

"There was no termination date. They asked to take over the program that we built from a very small one to the third largest in the state."

The motivation behind the attempt to take over the adult education program was mainly financial, according to Vivian Blevins, RSC Chancellor.

"I think they were motivated by dollars," Blevins said. "I

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION UNDER FIRE

Survey reveals changing views

By Darlyn Lee
el Don Opinion Editor

Angered by what they perceive as unfairness in the program, Americans are increasingly opposed to affirmative action despite feeling sympathetic toward those people who benefit from its policies.

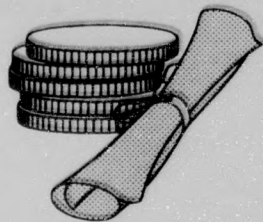
In this month's Times Poll, those favoring affirmative action programs to benefit minorities numbered 52 percent which is down 3 points from September 1991. However, the percentage of those opposing affirmative action rose 10 points to 29 percent.

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Mind Over Money



Emory sociologist John Boli in "Cream of the Crop: The Educational Elite Comes of Age" claims, "If success is measured in professional status and high salaries, then an elite college is worth it. But if being successful includes the nurturing of the 'life of the mind,' then results aren't as positive."

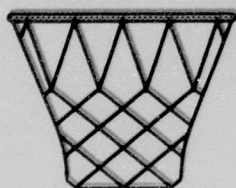
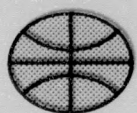
"Cream of the Crop" is based on a study of 320 college students who graduated from Stanford University in 1981.

Ten years later, in 1991, the 200 students who participated in the study were contacted to determine how a college liberal arts education affected their personal and professional lives.

Boli found that the majority of graduates didn't practice what they preached in college. "The educational elite choose careers virtually dripping with money, status and security, but 10 years ago and today more than 90 percent identified intellectual challenges and creativity as the most important qualities..." Boli says.

At a Theater Near You

Coastal Carolina's men's basketball team, the Chanticleers, plan to do basketball at a local theater, the Dixie Stampede.



Coastal Carolina now plays home games in Kimbel Gym, which seats 1,800, but Dixie seats 2,000, minus their tables and seats.

Management, however, would have to install a court, set up locker rooms and create make-shift stands.

Soaps Clean Up Ratings

Students are getting hooked on soaps. Marla Cucor, an associate editor with "Soap Opera Digest", says that students schedule classes around their favorite shows or have parents send video tapes from home.



"Considering how busy most students are, it's amazing some go to such lengths to devote an hour of their day around a soap," Cucor adds.

- Compiled by Monique Morgan

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DILEMMA: RSC students want changes in affirmative action **LAWSUIT:**

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There was a dramatic change in the feelings of white men. In 1991, they favored affirmative action for minorities, 49 percent-29 percent. This month only 35 percent supported the program while 47 percent were opposed to it.

"I am in favor of affirmative action because I believe everybody should be represented in the work force," said RSC student, Christine Almaraz. "But I also believe in the best man for the job so I would expect those applicants would also be qualified for the position they are applying for. I think it would be unfair to put a person in a position that they weren't qualified for and turn another person who is qualified for that position down. If the laws governing affirmative action programs are doing that then I think it's unfair."

The results of the poll also mirror the views of students at RSC. In an informal survey taken at the RSC Santa Ana campus, most students feel that qualified minorities

"I believe in what it fundamentally started out to do but maybe it's time to change affirmative action."

-RSC Student John Ortiz

should not receive preference over qualified whites. Ninety-four percent of those people surveyed said admittance to college should be based on academic record only. However, 61% of students favored affirmative action for those people who were economically disadvantaged.

"I believe in what it fundamentally started out to do but maybe it's time to change affirmative action," said RSC Student, John Ortiz. "They should start on a small scale and not wipe out affirmative action completely."

There has not been any change in the

attitudes among the strongest defenders of affirmative action-blacks and Latinos, according to the Times Poll.

Respondents also were opposed to using non-academic factors to determine college enrollments, and they are split on the idea of having race or gender-based hiring goals. These opinions, if taken together, would dismantle the affirmative action programs as they are currently practiced.

However, many Americans are not unsympathetic to the issues concerning women and minorities. They do feel that discrimination still exists and described living conditions of minorities as below those of whites. Programs based on merit were more popular.

"Overall, there's a drift against affirmative action," said John Brennan, director of the Times Poll. "The real challenge for the proponents of affirmative action is not to make the argument that there's still prejudice. They have to make an argument that the tools they want to use are fair."

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think they saw this as a way to improve their financial state."

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joseph Kalen rejected Orange Unified's claim that certain education codes gave them the sole responsibility to offer the basic education.

"If the legislature wants this court to make a determination on 8530 and other sections, I find that it is not an exclusive jurisdiction," said Judge Kalen.

Blevins said that the judges' decision saved the district from layoffs.

"Financially, what we would have done, of course, was to layoff a large number of people," Blevins said.

"It would have cost us several millions of dollars. We would have lost some very talented and important people."

Blevins added that the RSC faculty also offers the students a better quality education as well as experience.

"Our faculty at Orange Adult Learning Center goes beyond just teaching the classes. They have a statewide and national reputation for outstanding curriculum development in the area of adult education," said Blevins.

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By Jeff Oberle
el Don Style Editor

CD REVIEWS



Photo by Jana Leon

BAND: FACE TO FACE
ALBUM: BIG CHOICE
LENGTH: 40 min., 20 sec.



Rapidly emerging punk band "face to face," may slow its ascent as this CD hits the stands.

Filled with musically strong and detailed songs, it's often uninspiring and lifeless.

It's not technically a bad album. It's just that most all the songs seem suited best for background music rather than as a focus.

Veterans of the music scene, their experience did not seem to carry over into this album, it's energy is amateurish, leaving it shallow and devoid of power.

One notable exception is "Disconnected," a song that has been receiving frequent radio

play. This one seems a different style than the other songs on the album, it's a fast moving punk train. It has energy and enthusiasm that's lacking throughout the rest of the album.

Whatever the difference, face to face should focus on that style, as it's their best.

An interesting "chance" dialogue is recorded before "Disconnected." In it, the band tells their manager that they do not want that song on the album, because the style it's done in could be considered "sell-out." If you listen close the whole thing sounds staged, a "we're the good guys" publicity stunt maybe?

Big Choice is an average album. It shouldn't cause existing fans to lose interest, nor should it recruit new ones. On a scale of 10 it rates a five.

BAND: PJ HARVEY
ALBUM: TO BRING YOU MY LOVE
LENGTH: 42 min., 41 sec.



Another disappointment is PJ Harvey's latest release, "To Bring You My Love," which is produced by Island Records.

With three successful albums already in circulation, it's a wonder that Harvey could regress so far.

"To Bring You My Love" is close to being a solo album, with PJ (Polly Jean) playing all keyboards, vibes, percussion, and most guitar. Various musicians were

brought in for the other parts..

Harvey's voice on this album is very abrasive and grating. She constantly strains it too far, making it crack like a prepubescent boy's.

Full of distorted chords and overdone vocals, most of the songs on this album are best enjoyed when they're not they're not playing.

There are some exceptions though. "Working for the Man" is one. Slow and mysterious, it holds the listeners interest as a mellow song.

Another good song is "Down by the River." Currently popular on radio because of its catchy sound, it unravels and draws the listener in. Unfortunately it's a

novelty song, and grows old quickly. It's the type of song that's really good every time you hear it, if you don't hear it too often.

The low point on the album seems to be "I Think I'm a Mother." In it, Harvey's voice is so deep and muffled that it sounds like she's singing through a mouthful of rocks. In addition, the music drops way down, relying too much on bass for sound.

PJ Harvey's prior albums have all been justifiably praised, so it's a shame to see them putting out poor music.

This is a band that has a lot of potential. Unfortunately, this album is a reminder that normally good bands don't always put out equally good albums.

BAND: LOCAL H
ALBUM: HAM FISTED
LENGTH: 47 min., 51 sec.



An unlikely success this week comes in the debut album of "Local H," a rock duo that hails from outside of Chicago.

Produced by Island Records, "Ham Fisted" is a very aggressive hard-rock/metal album. With presentation of lyrics sometimes similar in style to Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, and music close to groups like Pantera and White Zombie, Local H is a very potent, high energy band that should attract good attention.

Starting out with four members, Local H

now consists of two: Scott Lucas and Joe Daniels. With Lucas on guitar and vocals, and Daniels on drums, they achieve the energy that many bands strive for.

"When we lost our other guitar player, we kept playing and thought it sounded harder and better. Then when our bass player left, we thought the same thing, so we figured there was no reason to replace him. Every time we tried to bring someone else in, it watered down the chemistry between us," said Lucas.

This is music that will make your heart race, your pulse quicken, and possibly cause you to wander the streets looking for a slam pit to jump into. It's a very aggressive album that's worth investigating if you're into hard music.

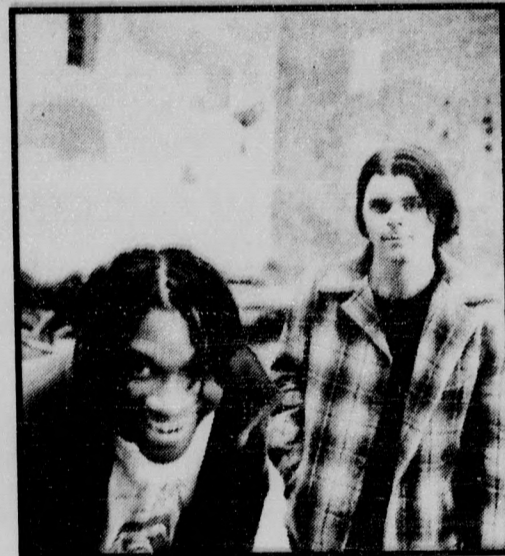


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Average, nothing special, nothing bad.



Fair, somewhat disappointing.



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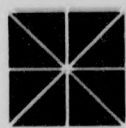
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Payne is good for Wayans



"I knew that the character had to be really funny in order to pull it off."

-Damon Wayans

Damon Wayans stars as a Commander of ROTC cadets in his newest comedy, Major Payne.

Photos courtesy of Universal Pictures

A stealthy figure hurries across the battleground, taking out adversaries while American forces move in on a drug raid. Almost single-handedly he captures the ringleader and saves the day.

It's Damon Wayans in his new comedy role as "Major Payne."

The Major is soon released from service, for as one of his superiors says, "There aren't any bad guys left, you killed them all."

The story winds on and Major Benson Winifred Payne hires on at a private school as commander of the school's ROTC program (Reserve Officers Training

Corps.) The hook?

Through his years of military service, Payne has become the ultimate example of an emotionally dysfunctional person. He bears all the sensitivity of a stick.

In contrast and to the annoyance of Payne, the cadets are a group of undisciplined slackers and social nerds, and they all continuously rebel against Payne.

Wayans takes his character to the limits. One such scene is when Payne shoots holes into a cadet's closet after the boy tells him there's someone in it. On leaving, Payne says, "If he's still in there, he aint happy."

Karyn Parsons plays opposite Wayans as "The Girl." (Face it, every movie has one.) Her character is Dr. Emily Walburn, the school counselor with a special interest in Paynes kids.

Payne is a coarse, unfeeling man, full of stories of war and mutilation. Walburn on the other hand, is a sensitive, caring and emotional character. Somehow the chemistry between the two doesn't seem likely.

Parsons clarified, saying, "That's Walburn's whole thing, taking care of people and kids. Her personality is nurturing."

OK, it's a simple story about

a callused soldier coming to teach at a school and falling for the nurse.

Except, it's all done with Wayans personal brand of humor. At times the laughs are thin, many the same old recycled jokes. But in others, Wayans pulls them off in ways that make them sidesplittingly hilarious.

"I knew that the character had to be really funny in order to pull it off," said Wayans.

If you can sit through a lot of the same old jokes, the occasional knockout scenes make this movie worth seeing once.

- Jeff Oberle

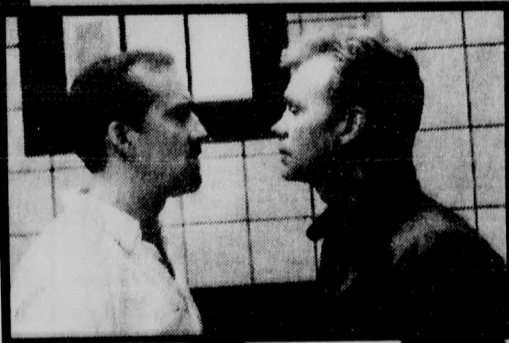


Karyn Parsons stars opposite Wayans as the school counselor and love interest of Major Payne.

CINEMA

TROUBLE IN NEW YORK

David Caruso and Nicholas Cage feature in "Kiss of Death," a fast paced thriller in which Caruso finds his character trapped between the law and the criminal underworld. Opens April 21.



VIDEO ARCHIVES

EDITORS CHOICE ★★★★★

The classic tale of hired gunslingers (Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson, and others.) protecting a Mexican town from bandits. The **Magnificent Seven** is definitely a ranking contender for all time best western. Check it out.

CINEMA

A WALK IN THE CLOUDS

New from 20th Century Fox and starring Keanu Reeves, "Clouds" is a romance drama about a young GI and the daughter of a vineyard owner. A tale of their love and their struggles to be together, it opens April 14.



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Staff Editorials

Affirmative Action or Old-boy network?

In November, Californians will be going to the polls to vote on legislation that will not only impact this state but also the nation.

An initiative to repeal affirmative action policies will be on the ballot. If passed, the initiative will cut government-sponsored affirmative action programs for women and minorities.

At the heart of the debate is the question of whether the program is fair to everyone, not just minorities. There is a growing feeling that the policies unfairly discriminate against the majority. It is believed that some minorities have been given jobs or admitted to college based solely on their minority status rather than their qualifications.

It is true that with any wide-ranging program there may be abuses of the system. Some people may have been given opportunities based solely on the fact they were minorities. However, for every person who got a job or was admitted to college as the result of affirmative action, there were thousands who were locked out of jobs or college because they were minorities.

It was because of that reality that affirmative action was put into law. It was a means to ensure those people would have an opportunity to succeed. Without the program, people didn't have the same opportunities.

The program needs to be fixed but it does not need to be repealed. Eliminating affirmative action will bring back the old-boy network which closed the door to many.

Discrimination still exists. We have not reached a point in time where everyone is truly equal. The only safeguard against the door being close to thousands is affirmative action. We should not repeal a program that aims to ensure equality in a system that does not.



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For the love of the game

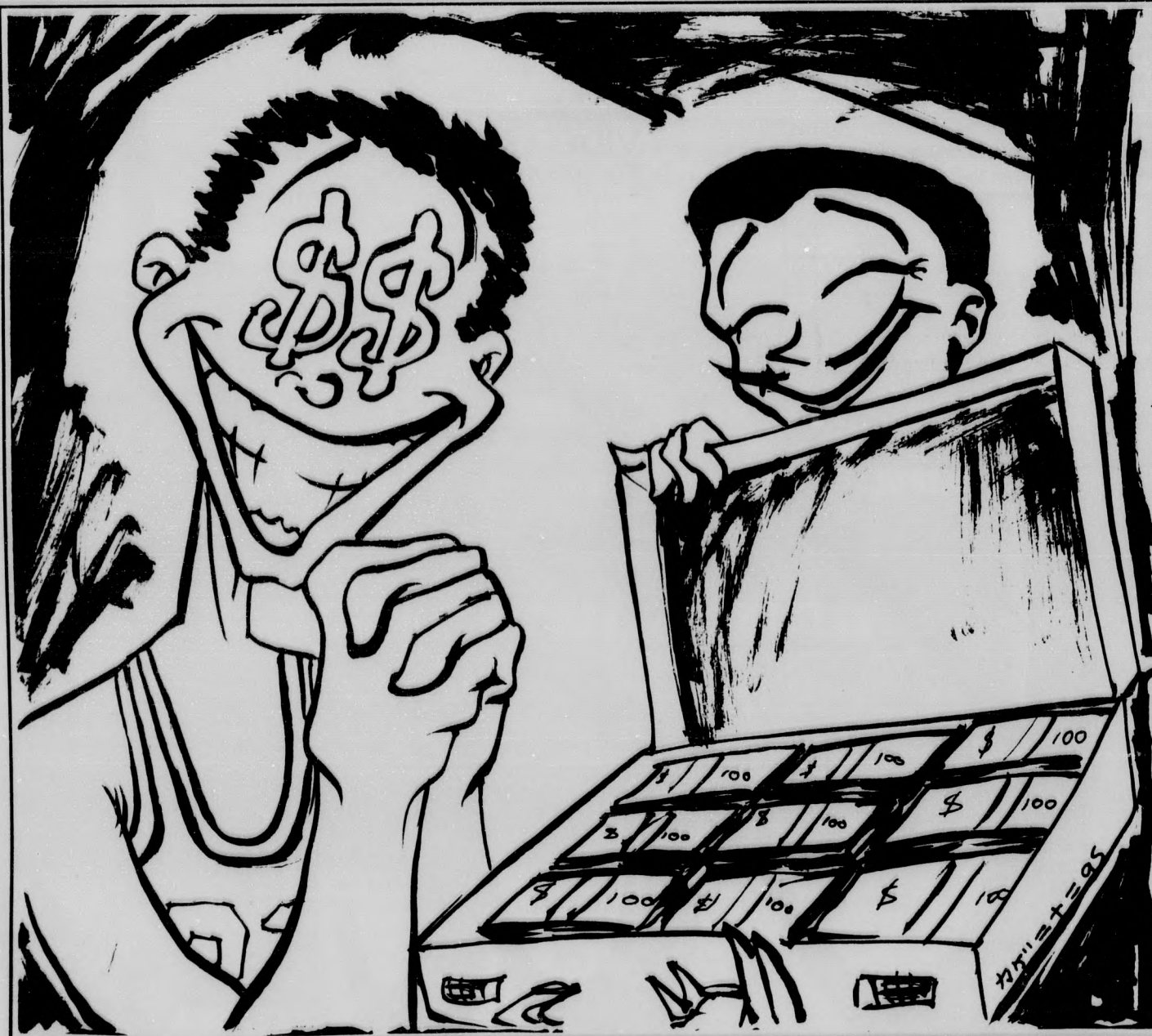
March Madness 1995 is over and UCLA won it all. But there is a question left unanswered—should college players be paid for playing the game?

According to NCAA regulations, athletes are prohibited from any type of compensation for their play. But the colleges and television stations reap financial gains from the games being televised and merchandizing.

Proponents cite the possible abuses that might occur if the regulations are changed.

However, regulations can be developed to put safe guards in the system so that if a college is found to be out of compliance, sanctions will be placed against it. This is similar to what occurs now when a college is found in violation of NCAA rules.

The way the system is working, college athletes are treated like slave labor. There should be some compensations for those players who put their sweat, bodies, and hearts on the line in the name of their sport. At the very least, the NCAA should give them the freedom to earn a living.

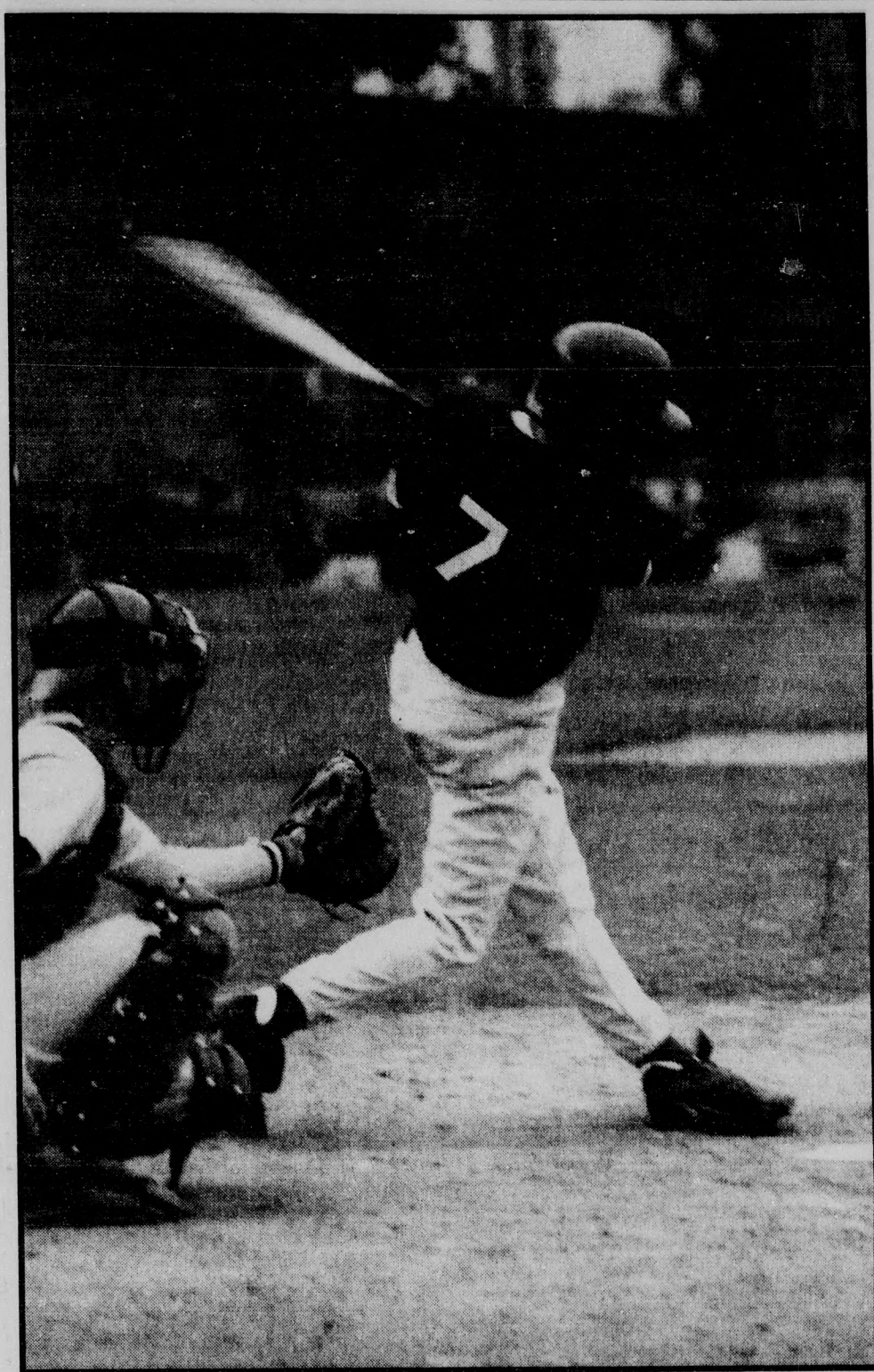


Sports

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All Steuart/el Don Photo

Brian LeFevers drives the ball deep against Orange Coast College Thursday, helping the Dons sweep the Pirates in their conference match ups.

Baseball title now in sight

RSC tied for first with defeat of state champion Cypress

By Daniel Arreola
el Don Staff Writer

Faced with possible elimination from the Orange Empire Conference race, the Dons stormed back into a first place tie with defending state champion Cypress in a convincing 6-5 win over the Chargers Tuesday.

Rancho continued its mastery over Orange Coast with a 6-2 victory last Thursday, which improves the Dons' record to 3-0 on the season against OCC.

Sophomore Brian Martineau took the hill for the Dons while left-hander Mark Gardner started for the Pirates.

RSC landed the first blow on Gardner in the bottom of the third inning scoring a run on three hits.

The Dons struck again with three additional runs in the bottom of the fourth. Gardner walked the first batter that he faced, Toby Sanchez, who ambled to second on Chad Henderson's single. Sanchez scored on a single by second baseman David Mallas. Both Henderson and Mallas reached home on Zuniga's double.

In the top of the fifth, the Pirates' Robert Caton had a triple and scored on a groundout and another run scored on a Rancho error. Mallas brought in another run with a triple to left center and Zuniga followed with a single

to right on which Mallas scored. OCC's Mark Gardner (6-2) took the loss while pitching eight innings.

"I came in knowing Gardner was a pretty good pitcher," commented Mallas. "He was six and one before, so I didn't know what to expect when I faced him. I just wanted to go up and hit the ball hard. We were pretty pumped (for the game) because there was a big article on Gardner (in the Los Angeles Times) and we wanted to prove that he wasn't that good," added Mallas.

Winning pitcher Martineau threw a complete game and lifted his record to 5-1.

On Saturday, Rancho defeated its nemesis, Cypress 4-2 at home. The win terminated RSC's five game losing streak against the defending state champion and nudged them to within a game of the front-running Chargers. As of Saturday, the streaking Dons possess a string of five consecutive wins, in which they have outscored opponents, 36-21.

Righthander Kirk Irvine pitched a five-hitter for the Dons and improved to 4-3 on the season. Charger Pete Lythgoe (2-4), took the loss while giving up seven hits and four runs.

Kyle Evans' RBI triple to left off Lythgoe, which scored Brian Carlson, proved to be the game-winner. RSC added an insurance run in the seventh when Ryan Fullerton's single brought home David Mallas.

Luis Estrella (5-1) registered his fifth win while Brian Martineau, one of RSC's starting pitchers, picked up his second save.

This victory moved Rancho Santiago (22-8, 10-6) into a tie for the top post in the Orange Empire Conference with Cypress (22-7-1, 9-5).

The Dons will play Golden West tomorrow at the RSC Baseball Complex at 12 p.m.

That's what I'm saying...

Steve Castaneda Fans love the rivalries

Like the San Francisco 49ers vs. the Dallas Cowboys, like the Los Angeles Lakers vs. the Boston Celtics of the 80s, Rancho vs. Cypress is always a blood, sweat and tears type of matchup with all questions of who is the best answered.

Last June the Cypress Chargers stole the state championship title from RSC in a two day slugfest that broke the hearts of many loyal Rancho fans.

This year the RSC baseball team was ranked first in the conference. Getting off to a terrible start, the Dons fell in the polls as the Chargers took over at No. 1.

But Rancho has put together a string of victories that have brought them back to the top.

The Dons have finally gotten over that hump in their schedule by defeating the Chargers 6-5 Tuesday in a real nail-biter.

My hat is off to head coach Don Sneddon and his staff for pulling the team together and showing that being down doesn't necessarily mean you're out.

DONS SOFTBALL

Wins come easy for Dons

By Steve Castaneda
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Riding high on a five-game winning streak, Rancho Santiago enters today's game against Golden West only one behind Orange Empire Conference-leading Cypress.

The Dons started off the week by shutting out Saddleback 5-0 Monday to improve to 11-2 in conference and 20-8 overall.

Dons pitcher Melody Robles started strong, retiring the Gauchos in order in the first inning.

With the Dons batting a solid .311, Saddleback (6-7, 14-10) had its hands full trying to contain Rancho's hitting power.

Christina Mazurie led off the bottom of the first with a base hit up the middle, then stole second. When the next two batters failed to advance the all-conference shortstop it looked like the Dons might blow an early scoring opportunity.

But Carol Lizalde stepped to the plate and smacked a shot into right field, scoring Mazurie to give the Dons a 1-0 lead.

Robles set the Gauchos down in order in the top of the second.

Grizelda Lopez and Christine Culver singled to lead off the bottom of the second. Both runners moved into scoring position when the Gauchos' second baseman booted



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Kathy Shirley tags out Kristina Miller at home, a routine ground ball.

Kristin Kirkwood smacked a long fly ball to centerfield to score Lopez easily from third. The inning ended with the Dons ahead 2-0.

Saddleback's Stacy Henderson opened the top of the third with a double up the third base line.

One out later Kristina Miller advanced Henderson to third with a perfect squeeze bunt.

With the tying run at first, Amy Blohm

sent a bullet towards Mazurie, who gunned the ball to catcher Lizalde for the out on Henderson.

But the Dons weren't out of the inning yet.

Blohm's fielder's choice advanced Miller to second and the Gauchos still had the tying runs on base.

Jenny Whiteley then came to the plate. If there was a turning point in the game this was it. Whiteley hit a blooper over Mazurie into shallow center field. Miller, running full speed, rounded third base and looked back toward the ball.

Centerfielder Kathy Shirley picked up the ball, saw that Miller was hesitating and started to run towards third base. Miller froze when she saw Shirley coming right at her. Shirley tagged Miller out to end the inning.

If the Gauchos pride was not bruised enough on that play Renee Taylor was about to put the game out of reach.

With two on in the bottom of the fourth Taylor pulled a monstrous home run over the right field fence to put the Dons up 5-0.

The Gauchos never recovered.

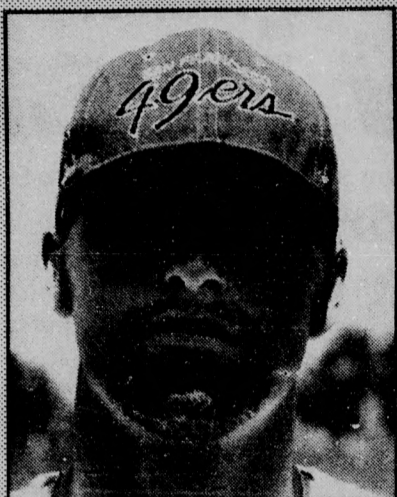
GAME NOTES: RSC traveled to Irvine Valley Wednesday. Irvine learned early why Rancho is the powerhouse of the OEC, as the Dons scored three runs in the top of the first. The Lasers managed only four hits in the game. Rancho won easily, 6-0 to stay within a game of first-place Cypress.

Rancho is home today against Golden West. Game time is at 3 p.m.

RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE

Athletes of the week

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Brian Martineau

BASEBALL

Pos./Yr:

Pitcher/Sophomore

Major: Undecided

Stats: 5-1 as a starter after defeating OCC. He also doubled as a stopper, downing Cypress in the bottom of the ninth.

"I'm glad I got the save against Cypress, I'm always prepared to be put in during the big games."



Renee Taylor

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SOFTBALL

Pos./Yr:

Outfielder/Sophomore

Major: Undecided

Stats: Went 2-for-3 against Fullerton and slammed a monstrous 3-run-home run against Saddleback.

"When I get the chance I like to make the big plays. I like to consider myself a major factor in games."

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